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*House Meets at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour and
2:00 p.m. for Legislative Business
(No Votes Before 6:00 p.m.)*

Anticipated Floor Action:

**H.Res. 398—Urging the President to Provide Blackhawk Helicopters to the
Colombian National Police**

H.R. 2186—Establishing the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center

H.R. 2807—Rhinoceros and Tiger Product Labeling Act

H.R. 3113—Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act

S. 750—National Grasslands Consolidation Act

H.R. 2786—Iran Missile Protection Act

H.R. ____—Campaign Reform and Election Integrity Act

H.R. ____—Illegal Foreign Contributions Act

H.R. ____—Paycheck Protection Act

H.R. ____—Campaign Reporting and Disclosure Act



Bills Considered Under Suspension of the Rules

Floor Situation: The House will consider the following 10 bills under suspension of the rules as its first order of business today. Each is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

H.Res. 398—Urging the President to Provide Three Blackhawk Helicopters to the Colombian National Police urges the president to expeditiously procure and provide three UH-60L Blackhawk utility helicopters to the Colombian National Police (CNP) in order to assist the CNP to perform their responsibilities to reduce and eliminate the production of illicit drugs in Colombia and the trafficking of drugs such as heroin and cocaine into the U.S. The bill was introduced by Mr. Gilman et al; the International Relations Committee ordered the resolution reported by voice vote on March 26, 1998.

H.R. 2186—Establishing the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center authorizes the Interior Secretary to establish and maintain operations of a National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming. The bill allows the secretary to (1) collect entrance fees from visitors to the center to cover its operating expenses; and (2) encourage and enable private persons to provide and operate facilities and services at the center in accordance with the National Park System Concessions Policy Act. The funds obtained by these private entities may then be used in part to pay for the general operations and promotion of the interpretation center. CBO estimates that enactment will result in additional discretionary outlays of approximately \$2 million in FY 2000 and a total of approximately \$6 million over the FY 1999-2003 period, assuming appropriation of estimated amounts. The bill was introduced by Ms. Cubin; the Resources Committee reported the bill by voice vote on March 11, 1998.

H.R. 2807—Rhinoceros and Tiger Product Labeling Act amends the 1994 Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act (*P.L. 103-91*) to prohibit the sale, import, or export of any product containing (or labeled as containing) any substance from a rhinoceros or tiger. The bill also prescribes criminal and civil penalties (a fine of \$25,000 and up to a year in prison), as well as forfeiture provisions (seizing and disposing of certain assets used in the commission of the offense) for anyone who knowingly violates the law. CBO estimates that enactment will have no significant effect on the federal budget. The bill was introduced by Mr. Saxton; the Resources Committee reported the bill by voice vote.

H.R. 3113—Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act reauthorizes the 1994 Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act through FY 2004 at the existing authorization level of \$10 million annually for the program. Assuming appropriations of authorized amounts, CBO estimates that enactment will result in additional discretionary outlays of \$12 million over the FY 2001-2003 period. The bill was introduced by Mr. Young (AK); the Resources Committee reported the bill by voice vote.

S. 750—National Grasslands Consolidation Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through an exchange of federal and private rights to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection between the Forest Service and Burlington Resources, formerly known as Meridian Oil. CBO estimates that enactment will have no significant impact of the federal budget. The bill was passed by the Senate by unanimous consent was reported by the Resources Committee by voice vote.

H.R. 2786—Iran Missile Protection Act authorizes \$147 million for supplemental appropriations for FY 1998 to bolster U.S. defenses against heightened missile threats from Iran and North Korea. Specifically, the bill authorizes (1) \$35 million to develop a Joint Composite Tracking Network (JCTN) to link sensors from various platforms and increase the effectiveness of Theater Missile Defense (TMD); (2) \$15 million to accelerate completion of the Patriot Advanced Capability Configuration-3 (PAC-3) remote launch capability; (3) \$40 million to test the capabilities of existing PAC-3 and Navy area missile defense systems against weapons Iran is developing; (4) \$6 million to improve the integration of various sensors and communication systems to provide more accurate launch point, trajectory, and impact point predictions; (5) \$41 million to increase PAC-3 production; and (6) \$10 million to coordinate U.S. anti-missile technology with Israel's Arrow missile defense system. CBO estimates that enactment of H.R. 2786 will result in additional discretionary outlays of approximately \$16 million in FY 1998 and approximately \$147 million over the FY 1998-2003

period, assuming appropriations of the estimated amounts. The bill was introduced by Mr. Weldon on October 31, 1997; the National Security Committee ordered the bill reported by a vote of 45-0 on March 17, 1998.

H.R. ____—Campaign Reform and Election Integrity Act includes many of the campaign reform proposals that have been debated during the 105th Congress. Specifically, the bill (1) prevents unions from spending dues revenue on political activities unless they obtain the written consent of workers; (2) bans non-citizens from making contributions to candidates and PACs; (3) expedites Federal Election Commission (FEC) reporting requirements to facilitate rapid disclosure of contributions; (4) modifies contribution limits when wealthy candidates contribute large amounts of personal funds to allow opponents to remain competitive; (5) establishes a voter eligibility confirmation pilot program; (6) increases the amount of money individuals can donate to candidates and indexes future contribution limits to the inflation rate; (7) bans raising or spending “soft money” contributions by federal candidates and state and national political parties; and (8) increases the disclosure requirements imposed on groups that fund issue-advocacy advertisements. The bill was introduced by Mr. Thomas. A similar bill, H.R. 3485, was reported by the House Oversight Committee by a vote of 5-3.

H.R. ____—Illegal Foreign Contributions Act prohibits campaign contributions and expenditures by a foreign national. It clarifies that a foreign national is an individual who is not a U.S. citizen, whether that person is in the U.S. lawfully or unlawfully. The bill was not considered by any committee; however, it contains provisions similar to those in the comprehensive campaign reform bill, H.R. 3485, which was reported by the House Oversight Committee by a vote of 5-3.

H.R. ____—Paycheck Protection Act requires that a corporation, national bank, or labor organization collect the written and voluntary consent from an employee or union member before using any portion of their dues or fees for the organization’s political activity. The bill also allows an employee to revoke such authorization at any time. The bill was not considered by any committee, but is similar to language in the comprehensive campaign reform bill, H.R. 3485, which was reported by the House Oversight Committee by a vote of 5-3.

H.R. ____—Campaign Reporting and Disclosure Act expedites Federal Election Commission (FEC) reporting requirements. Specifically, the bill (1) changes FEC reporting to an election cycle basis, instead of the current calendar year basis; (2) requires campaign committees to report all secondary payments (any payment made by an intermediary for the benefit of a campaign); (3) requires that cumulative contributions and expenditures be reported in post-election FEC reports; (4) requires that each itemized contribution also include the aggregate amount of contributions on FEC reports; (5) changes the title of standard for initiating an FEC investigation from “Reason to Believe” to “Reason to Investigate” (this change eliminates misleading language that could imply the FEC has reached a conclusion rather than merely initiated an investigation.); (6) bans acceptance of cash contributions greater than \$100; (7) requires that campaign committees which raise or spend more than \$50,000 file their reports electronically with the FEC; (8) requires all federal committees to report, within 24 hours, all contributions and expenditures during the last 90 days of an election; (9) establishes disclaimer language in standard FEC complaint forms stating that the complaint has not been verified by the FEC, (this language ensures that FEC notices of complaints do not misleadingly imply that the facts of the complaint have been investigated or verified by the FEC.); and (10) requires the FEC to issue written responses to questions on the election laws. The bill was not

considered by any committee; however, it contains provisions similar to those in the comprehensive campaign reform bill, H.R. 3485, which was reported by the House Oversight Committee by a vote of 5-3.

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVII, #8, March 27, 1998.



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